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Dons play their part in Irish jig

MK DONS head of coaching Richie Barker and player Keith Andrews were at Milton Keynes Theatre yesterday giving it their best shot at doing an Irish jig.

The pair met performers from Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games, which is on at the theatre until Sunday.

They tried their hand at some Irish dancing after they were given a crash course.

It should have been easy pickings for Andrews, who has 35 caps for the Republic of Ireland, but he appeared to struggle with it more than you would expect!

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Fancy footwork: Keith Andrews with the cast of Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games

Robbed at gunpoint

Taxi driver threatened with weapon and beaten in late-night attack

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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PRIVATE hire cab firms are increasing their security after a driver was threatened with a handgun and beaten in a brutal robbery.

Three masked men pulled open the doors of a parked cab awaiting a fare near the Church of Our Lady Lourdes, in Lloyds, Coffee Hall, at about 3am on Saturday.

The gang, who shielded their identities with hoods and scarves, demanded cash from the unsuspecting driver, who was left with bruising following the attack.

Gav Sokhi, manager at Milton Keynes-based private hire firm Skyline, says one of their own drivers suffered a similar incident recently.

He said: "We have a large number of vehicles with CCTV, we record all our phone calls and track all our drivers.

"Drivers are trying to earn an honest living and we will do our best to ensure their safety any way we can."

Zak Ali, operations manager at Blakelands-based Eezy Cabs, says his firm are considering CCTV cameras to protect their drivers.

He said: "Just last week I was looking into getting cameras in all of our vehicles for the safety of our drivers.

"Each camera would cost between £250 and £300 and we have more than 150 cars.

"I am considering trialling the cameras by putting them in a few cars and seeing how it goes.

"Most of our customers are brilliant and we never have any trouble even at weekends and incidents like this are rare."

The offenders stole cash, a white Samsung Galaxy Fame PDA and a black Samsung ACE 2 mobile phone, before running off down a footpath behind Rochfords towards the V6 Grafton Street.

Thames Valley Police has called for witnesses to come forward.

Detective Constable Greg Hughes from Milton Keynes Force CID said: "The offenders may have been disturbed by a member of the public who was seen by the victim to be walking from the direction of Leadenhall.

"We are keen to trace this person as they may have information which could help with our investigation.

"This was a frightening ordeal for the victim and police will not tolerate violent crime in our community."

Any witnesses should call police on 101.

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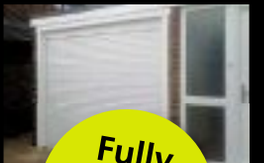

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Police figures show fall in reported crime

FIGURES released by Thames Valley Police have shown overall crime has gone down in Milton Keynes during a backdrop of austerity measures.

Between April 1, 2014, and March 31, 2015, overall crime in the city fell by 130 incidents from the previous 12 months to 18,165. The figures show a decrease in reported burglaries and vehicle crimes, while there has been a 53.4 per cent increase in reported sexual offences.

Superintendent Gez Chiariello was very happy with the figures.

He said: "It truly reflects the good work that not only the officers are doing, but the part members of the public and community partners play."

Regarding the rise in sexual offences, he added: "On the face of it these figures are quite alarming, [but] in context 25 per cent of rapes reported are historical."

Claire Short, director of Aylesbury Vale Rape Crisis, which helps victims in Milton Keynes, added: "I agree the increase in reporting is partially due to the increased confidence in the police taking things forward and handling cases more sensitively."

Question Time: Ed Balls speaks to MK NEWS reporter Scott Kirk at the hospital

Labour heavyweights visit the city's hospital

A RESIDENT questioned Labour's Ed Balls and Andy Burnham about cancer drugs when they visited the hospital.

On Monday, Mr Burnham, the shadow health secretary, and shadow chancellor Mr Balls fielded the question from Anthony Beech, of Springfield, whose wife has terminal cancer. They told him the different options he could explore to get certain drugs.

Mr Beech said: "I asked about why certain drugs aren't funded. I was happy with what they said."

Mr Balls said the Milton Keynes South seat was vital for the party if it is going to win the General Election on May 7.

Owner 'gutted' as dog's ashes stolen

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A DOG owner was left in shock after she discovered the ashes of her much-loved Springer Spaniel had been stolen from her car.

Faye Causer, from North Furzton, had 12-year-old Casey cremated after she died in February this year and put some of her ashes in a solid silver keyring.

Last Wednesday, the 36-year-old found her car, which was parked on her driveway, had been broken into and Casey's remains had been stolen.

She said: "I kept part of Casey's ashes in the car because she loved travelling in it when she was alive and we used to go away a lot with her. It was almost like she was travelling with me."

It is believed that the car was broken into at around 2am on Wednesday when another vehicle around the corner was also broken into. Thames Valley Police was unable to find any evidence to help in the investigation.

Ms Causer, who also owns two other Springer Spaniels, Max and Ollie, turned to Facebook in a bid to get the key-ring back. Her post has been shared more than 600 times.

She added: "This is worthless to anyone but me as it contains my dog's ashes. I want to make people aware of what they may be buying, but don't know if I will ever get it back.

"When I first realised it was stolen I was absolutely gutted.

"The mindless and selfish people out there who take other people's property is outrageous."

As well as the keyring an iPhone charger was also stolen.

Anyone with information, or who has seen the keyring, should call police on 101.

Much loved: Casey and, *below*, the keyring her ashes were kept in by owner Faye Causer

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Didgeridoo you believe this?

The didgeridoo man: Andrea Furlan has been playing the famous instrument for 20 years and even makes his own

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A MAN helped moo-ve some cows in Stony Stratford after they became transfixed by the noise of him playing a didgeridoo.

Andrea Furlan, 36, was filmed by friend Irina Nicelescu playing one of his didgeridoos in a nearby park. He was making a video to promote his Hard Fibreglass Didgeridoo business, which he runs out of his Russell Street home.

But to the amazement of Andrea, the curious cows were so attracted by the noise made by the instrument, they flocked over to see him.

The video has now been watched nearly 40,000 times on YouTube, so Andrea wants to see what other animals he can herd.

"It was strange as they moved closer to the river," said Andrea, who has lived in Stony Stratford for two years.

"Maybe now I will have to play for other animals!

"When I started to play they began to watch me and they were very curious. They came over and looked like they were asking 'What's happening?'"

Andrea's style of didgeridoo-playing is different from the traditional way.

He makes his own didgeridoos so that he can make sounds at different keys and play at various speeds, rather than simply producing one note.

He has been playing, making and teaching people how to play the instrument for 20 years and he says he fell in love with it from the first time he heard it.

"A friend of mine showed me the didgeridoo and I thought it was amazing.

"'What is this instrument?' I thought and I fell in love with it so I played and played and played."

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Road works on M1

MILTON Keynes Council and highways company Ringway are advising motorists that Junction 14 of the M1 will be closed for two weeks from May 5. Work will be carried out daily from 8pm to 5am and affect sections of the A509, London Road and the junction with Newport Road.

Color Obstacle Rush

AFTER being inundated with entries, Color Obstacle Rush will be held for a second day. People can now enter to take part in the obstacle race at Willen Lake on Sunday, June 14. Read more at www.mkweb.co.uk.

Conifers catch fire

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service was called to 15 metres of conifers alight in St Mary's Close, Wavendon, on Sunday at around 4.43pm.

'Live mouse' found in Aldi loaf of bread

A SHOPPER who bought a loaf of bread from an Aldi store in Milton Keynes got a nasty surprise when he got home.

There was a live mouse inside the loaf bought by Andrew Odell, which was found by his pregnant wife.

Mr Odell tweeted images to the firm to let it know about what had happened.

In one tweet he said: "I don't think Aldi are taking this seriously. I FOUND A LIVE MOUSE IN MY BREAD."

An Aldi spokesman said: "Please be assured, the safety of our shoppers is Aldi's number one priority.

"We have contacted the customer and will look into this as a matter of urgency."

Body may be missing man

A BODY has been discovered, which is believed to be that of Philip Day, 30, who has been missing from his home in Milton Keynes.

It was found by police officers in Winterhill at 10.45am on Saturday.

A formal identification has yet to take place but it is thought to be Mr Day.

His next of kin has been informed.

At this stage the death is being treated as 'unexplained but not suspicious' by police.

Mr Day, from Oldbrook, was last seen at 1pm on Friday and officers were said to be 'concerned' for his welfare.

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We all need to be vigilant on our roads but this does not mean draconian measures for no reason and not based on fact.

Alderman Paul Bartlett
Stony Stratford

Goal was to have fun

THE day was crisp, the sun was out and so were my legs (yes, in England!). My dad and I soon stumbled across a local match between my hometown MK Dons and Charlton Athletic.

As the first few tackles took place and the first goal was scored, we soon realised that the players were communicating through sign language.

Little did we know that the match between these two teams was actually a pitch consisting of 22 deaf players.

Now when you think of deaf football you imagine the standard of the game to dip, but it was the complete opposite. Tackles were met with sheer strength and determination, none of that diving nonsense, work rates remained high and team spirit was clearly evident with both teams often meeting in small groups to discuss, using sign language of course, the tactics for the next attack.

Even when one team seemed to be dominating proceedings, the match remained a good spectacle and begged the question, why aren't more people attending these matches?

Following the rise of blind, walking and women's football, a form of the game which has slipped below the radar and is often forgotten is deaf football. A lot can be learnt from this game.

All 22 players and even the referee were enjoying it. That's something you don't see a lot in football these days; it's not about money, nor is it about winning, it's about playing and watching the game we all love. Okay, maybe it is about winning, but take note Premier League players.

Nathan Caesar
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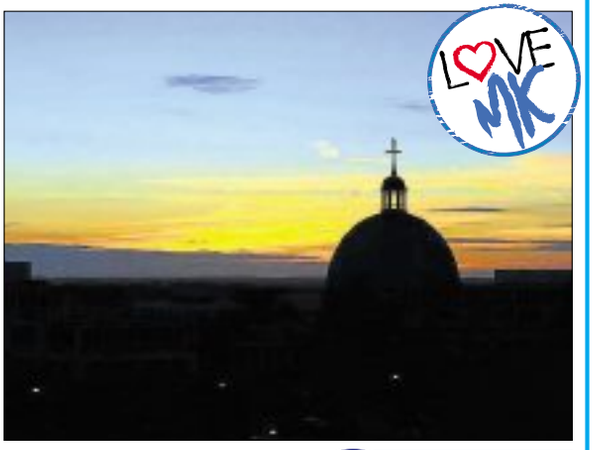

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A shadow of doubt

SOME people think the proposals for the Agora replacement are going to be good for Wolverton. I might agree…

However, I am not sure I can trust an artist's impression that shows shadows coming from the north. The four-storey buildings proposed for the south side of Church Street will cause shadows likely to cover most of the street.

Give that 'artist' a map and compass.

Michael Held
Willen Road
MK Village (born in Wolverton)

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Coming out as one of Union J's biggest fans

SO, I finally got to experience my first event at stadiummk. No, not some top flight premiere league football grudge match, or the heavy weight boxing championship of the world, but boy band Union J in concert.

At this point, I ought to declare an interest – band member George is my wife's cousin, so it was VIP backstage passes all round.

The boys were headlining the Non Stop Pop concert, the first music event to be held in the arena at the stadium complex.

Despite being quite possibly the oldest person among a crowd of about 2,000, it was an exciting atmosphere as a host of ex-X Factor acts took to the stage.

Most anticipated act of the night was local boy Bailey McConnell playing his biggest gig to date and very popular he was too. Clearly a talented young man, I found his set a little too sombre and was at odds with the lively atmosphere.

Stereo Kicks were superb. Great harmonies, good interaction with the crowd and a good selection of song choices.

But the night belonged to headliners Union J. With two albums already under their belt, George, Josh, JJ and Jaymi were most definitely the star attraction. Their polished act was interspersed with great banter with the crowd and no-one was disappointed.

This looks set to be a great year for the boys with a third album on the way and an arena tour supporting The Vamps currently touring the UK.

Judging by this performance, I think One Direction should be looking over their shoulder because Union J are waiting to steal their crown as king of the boy bands.

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Aftermath: The scene of the collision Picture taken by David Helsby at Helios Photography Ltd

Driver taken to hospital

A MAN was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital after a two-vehicle collision in Oldbrook Boulevard, off Grafton Street.

South Central Ambulance Service confirmed another man was treated at the scene after the incident, which happened at around 1.23pm on Monday.

A police spokesman confirmed officers were called to the scene and that the road was closed.

The collision involved a black Ford Focus and a silver Vauxhall Vectra, which ended up on its roof. It is believed one of the cars was in the central reservation and then turned into Oldbrook Boulevard but collided with another vehicle. An eyewitness said: "The accident looked really serious. This highlights the problem with right-hand turns across busy roads."

Three fires in a day at lagoon

BY SCOTT KIRK
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ARSONISTS are believed to have started three fires at a nature reserve in just one day.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service was called to the Blue Lagoon in Drayton Road, Bletchley, at 1.59pm, 2.42pm and 7.33pm on Monday.

The incident at 2.42pm involved several fires that had to be put out around the lake.

The fire in the evening destroyed a bird's nest.

About 50 square metres of grass and bushes were also set alight, alongside 10 square metres of grass.

The fires on Monday followed an incident last Wednesday when 20 metres of hedgerow caught alight.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council, which owns the site, said: "It is very disappointing that wildlife and potentially people's lives at the Blue Lagoon have been endangered in this way."

A fire service spokesman said incidents at the Blue Lagoon, where two people drowned last July, were harder to deal with because of its location.

"Fires in remote locations makes access for firefighters difficult," they said.

"They also put an unnecessary strain on the resources of the organisations who deal with them.

"We are lucky to have facilities like this and it's very disappointing someone has done this."

Anybody with information about the fires should ring Thames Valley Police on 101.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Teenager hit by car

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a 17-year-old girl was hit by a blue Ford KA on the V2 Tattenhoe Street on Friday at 4.40pm. Any witnesses should call police on 101.

Teens burgle house

THREE teenagers broke into a house in Godwin Close, Wavendon Gate, and stole items including a silver watch at around 3.25pm on Saturday. Witnesses should call police on 101.

Make city cleaner

HELP make the city cleaner in a litter pick in CMK from noon tomorrow. Register at info@mkccm.org.

Hear what the candidates say

THE first of a two-part election debate hosted by MK NEWS and MKFM is taking place at Milton Keynes Council's civic offices tonight.

Anybody wanting to hear from the Milton Keynes North candidates can attend from 7pm.

Conservative Mark Lancaster will be at the debate, as well as Labour's Emily Darlington, Jenny Marklew from the Greens, UKIP's David Reilly and Independent David Mortimer.

The Milton Keynes South debate will take place on Tuesday night. Read more at www.mkweb.co.uk/news

Hunt for claw hammer gang

A GROUP of men have threatened people in Milton Keynes with weapons, believed to include a claw hammer.

The incident took place close to the One Stop Shop in Coffee Hall at about 9.30pm last Tuesday.

The young men intimidated members of the public with the weapons, which also included lumps of wood. No-one was injured.

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SARAH LEE
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Delivering the goods: Wayne Malyon has set up 1DMK

WE HAVE all thought of it and finally someone has done it.

Milton Keynes is the latest area to offer home delivery from the likes of KFC, McDonald's, Burger King and Caribbean restaurant Turtle Bay.

One Delivery Milton Keynes (1DMK) is the 50th such franchise in the UK and is run by Wayne Malyon of Oldbrook. His team of uniformed drivers use battery-powered heated bags to keep food as hot as possible.

It has delivered more than 200 orders in its first month – making it one of the most successful launches in the One Delivery franchise.

Mr Malyon, 48, has already bought five more territories in the country.

He said: "I never had any doubt this would be successful in Milton Keynes!

"I had been looking at business opportunities for a while and had considered a few.

"Once I came across One Delivery I knew this was the business for me. If someone else had brought this idea to Milton Keynes I would have been one of their best customers! This confirmed to me that it was a risk worth taking.

"I decided to invest in a One Delivery franchise as I saw an opportunity to give my young family a better future. I am also much happier when working for myself as I believe you get back what you put in.

"We are also very keen to work with the local independent takeaways and restaurants. We can provide a professional delivery service for these businesses allowing them to concentrate on what they are great at – food.

Delivering seven nights a week from 6pm, the business has its own customer iOS and android ordering app, as well as a driver-tracking app.

Customers can also log onto www.one-delivery.co.uk enter their postcode and choose from their favourite menu.

Store to open next month

THE Sainsbury's Local supermarket being built at Willen Local Centre will open to the public next month, bringing with it up to 25 full and part-time jobs.

The local centre is being developed by Newcrest Willen Ltd as a number of shop units were unused.

In February MK NEWS reported the Willen Local Centre had been without a convenience store for more than six months, so residents are pleased the supermarket will finally open.

One said: "When it's done, we'll have a pub, doctor, chemist, Indian, Chinese, fish and chips, vets, hairdresser, Eat Your Heart Out and Sainsbury's. Willen is the perfect place to live."

Another added: "We're very lucky. I've lived in the area for 15 years now. I wouldn't move to anywhere else in MK as I'm very happy here. Very much looking forward to having a Sainsbury's – it will give me an incentive to either walk or cycle there instead of having to drive to the shops."

Robin Ockendon, Sainsbury's acquisitions manager, said: "This store will trade from 7am-11pm and have a strong emphasis on fresh fruit and vegetables, as well providing an in-store bakery, dairy products, snacks and other convenience products.

"We always seek to employ from the local community and expect this new shop to create approximately 20-25 new full and part-time job opportunities for local people, who will benefit from a variety of training and skills programmes to continue their personal development."

Checking it out: Work has started on the new Sainsbury's in Willen

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Low-impact: General manager Steve Biggs at the Atlas Gym in Wolverton

Gym still active after burglary

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE owner of a gym that was burgled last week insists it is business as usual, although security will be tightened up.

Burglars struck at Atlas Gym, based at Glyn Square, Wolverton, on Thursday. Two laptops, a CCTV system, headphones and a safe containing cash were stolen, as well as nutrition and fat burning products.

Kenneth Mackmurdie, the company director, said a new alarm and a more advanced CCTV system will be installed, but he added that staff and members at the gym were not letting the incident get them down.

"It's an inconvenience to the members but I do feel quite lucky in a way because it could have been worse," he said.

"Your worst-case scenario is the building being burned down and that hasn't happened. It's not stopped our business and we're still fully active and open."

Mr Mackmurdie added that a temporary music system had been installed for the gym's 4,200 members so there should be minimal impact on people wanting to complete their workouts.

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‘Outdoor cinema is the real deal’

BY SARAH LEE
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MORE than 10,000 Milton Keynes movie fans have shown support for an alfresco cinema experience, which organisers state is ‘100 per cent honest’.

Following a huge surge of interest, the firm behind Outdoor Cinema issued a statement on Monday denying allegations it was running a ‘data mining’ scam.

In order to receive information, users were asked to register on a website, detailing their name, address, phone number and email address.

This led some to question the authenticity of the event and the motives of the organisers.

Blogger Mark Cook alleged the firm’s intention was to gather users’ data. Similar claims were sent to MK NEWS from a reader.

Twitter and Facebook users flooded Outdoor Cinema with requests for clarity. Stating they were ‘overwhelmed’ with the response, event organisers said they would hire a PR agency to manage enquiries.

Not a scam: Outdoor Cinema has released a statement to say it is 100 per cent honest

The company’s Facebook page was swamped with interest, attracting more than 99,000 likes since its creation on Sunday, April 12. A similar page for the Milton Keynes event was created on Monday, April 13 and has received 10,000 likes from users since.

Pages for Cardiff, Northampton, Birmingham and Reading have also been created.

A statement, posted on the main Facebook page on Monday, reads: “We’d like to take this time to reassure all of you that this is a 100 per cent honest operation and not a scam in any way.

“The company is registered under TOC Productions Limited and we’re now working with Mark to prove the legitimacy of The Outdoor Cinema.

“The Outdoor Cinema is a project run by a group of friends, all from an extensive events background, who are endeavouring to make your summer more exciting through carefully planned cinematic experiences in unusual spaces.

“Events across the country are in the process of being organised by The Outdoor Cinema team – between us we are working hard to make this happen and can’t wait to have you all as a part of this over the summer.”

Mr Cook has since blogged to state the Outdoor Cinema events are ‘legitimate’ and issued an apology to the organisers.

He wrote: “I’ve decided to distil the post on the Outdoor Cinema company, as there have been several updates and it’s obvious a lot of people are just retweeting without reading.”

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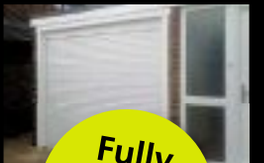

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What a gift: Acacia Netscher, who has foregone birthday presents to donate cat food to Cat Protection Milton Keynes, with rescue cat Ralph

Birthday girl Acacia is the cat's whiskers

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A 10-YEAR-OLD girl decided that instead of birthday presents this year she wanted her friends and family to give food to a cat charity.

As well as collecting more than 20 boxes of cat food, Acacia Netscher, of Tiffany Close, Bletchley, received donations for Cats Protection Milton Keynes, as well as Sam's Species Reptile Rescue and Sanctuary in Northampton because she owns both a cat, Simba, and a bearded dragon.

Acacia, a student at Fulbrook Middle School in Woburn Sands, said: "I just love animals. When I grow up I would like to work with animals. My friends were fine with donating instead of getting me presents. I really hope it will set a trend for others. I chose Cats Protection because they get lots of cats brought in and they need help."

Her mum Philippa Netscher, 40, added: "All her family and friends thought it was marvellous and we are really proud of her."

To say thank you, Aimee Purnell-Willett, branch co-ordinator at Cats Protection Milton Keynes, took Acacia and her parents to meet some of the cats waiting to be rehomed, including a mum and her new-born kittens.

Mrs Purnell-Willett added: "We have more than 15 cats in our care and 19 on a waiting list and really need donations to help with our work.

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Why not set yourself these three goals this spring:

1 Make your job work for you: If you're in a sedentary job, try to increase your activity levels, whether it's walking over to a colleague, taking the stairs or going for a lunchtime walk;

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Gardener warns after plant theft

BY JACK ASH
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A GARDENER has warned residents to keep an eye on their plants after part of her display went missing.

Two large blue planters filled with rosemary and primula were taken last week from just outside Alison Cole-Pendrey's front door in Wodell Drive, Wolverton.

Mrs Cole-Pendrey, who said the plants were too big to blow away as it took both her and her daughter to plant them, suspects they were taken to sell on.

She said: "I felt physically sick at first, to think someone had been so close to the front door to take something.

"Then I felt really angry. What right has someone got to spoil my pleasure? I am not an affluent person so there is a waste of my money element.

"I am not replacing them as they may be taken again and it would then be a waste of my hard-earned money."

Alison said she was attempting to make the front of her house look appealing and enhance Wolverton's image, and would also have used the rosemary to cook.

Stolen: Alison Cole-Pendrey outside her front door in Wolverton

Mrs Cole-Pendrey, who has lived in the area for 26 years, has recommended other gardeners do more to keep their plants safe.

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Lit cigarettes warning after mum's death

Lost life: Julie Parrott died in a fire which may have been caused by a cigarette

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A FAMILY has warned others of the dangers of smoking indoors, after their mum lost her life in a fire.

Julie Parrott, 67, died in a blaze at her home in Napier Street, Bletchley, on April 9, believed to have been caused by a cigarette.

The three children of Mrs Parrott, who lived in a bungalow, said she 'enjoyed life' and 'had lots of friends who she loved having around her'.

The children had not recently been in contact with their mum, who had multiple sclerosis (MS), but one daughter, Nicky Peacock, 40, said they loved her and are still coming to terms with what has happened.

She said: "My mother died in a horrendous way and we would like to warn others whose relatives smoke how dangerous it can be.

"My mum was the life and soul of the party and loved having people around her.

"She was very beautiful when she was younger.

"She had recently spent six weeks in hospital for her MS but was back home.

"Even though some of us were not particularly close with mum, we loved her and her death has brought me and my brother back together, which is a fantastic thing."

Mrs Peacock said she believed Mrs Parrott's carer raised the alarm when she opened the front door and the cat came running out, followed by a lot of smoke.

As reported in last week's MK NEWS, Reuben Andrews, 23, and John Wisson, 76, ran into the smoke-filled house to try and save Mrs Parrott but she was already dead when they found her.

An inquest opened on Thursday into Mrs Parrott's death.

The hearing was told that Mrs Parrott's injuries were so severe, it made identification difficult.

A full inquest is due to take place at Milton Keynes Coroner's Court on Thursday, September 3.

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Make a moo-ve to help hospice

Have you herd? Jessica Duncan and her bovine friend Florence drum up support

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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WILLEN Hospice is still looking for ladies in Milton Keynes and the surrounding area to sign up for the MK Midnight Moo Walk.

The charity is hoping the 10-mile walk around the city, which has already had a record number of entries, could raise £1million this year.

It will take place on July 4 and, as its name suggests, begin on the stroke of midnight.

It costs £20 to sign up to the event, which is being supported by MK NEWS and MKWeb, and then all participants need to do is raise as much money as possible while remembering all those the hospice has helped.

The charity provides specialist care for people whose illness no longer responds to treatment.

A spokesman said: "We never know what is around the corner.

"One day someone you know and love could need our care and in the future you may need our support."

The hospice is urging women to nominate their friends on social media to sign up and on May 2 and 3 representatives will be at Intu Milton Keynes shopping centre where walkers can join on the spot.

Midnight Moo, which has a mascot called Florence, has raised £800,000 since it was first held in 2009.

The hospice would need to raise around £10,000 a day in order to provide the simplest of care for those that need it.

Seventy-eight per cent of its funding has to come from the local community as it gets very little money from the Government.

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Vinyl spins right

BY JACK ASH
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WHAT goes around comes around for Bulldog Music, which is celebrating its first birthday.

Thought to be the only independent record store in Milton Keynes, it is prospering on the back of a resurgence in sales of vinyl records.

The shop in Bletchley, which deals exclusively with second-hand vinyl, is an Aladdin's cave of records from the past five decades and beyond.

On the record: Sales of vinyl on the rise at Bulldog Music. Main picture: Zach Livermore browses in the Bletchley shop

Owner of the shop, David O'Shea, 56, went from being a Natwest bank manager in London to opening his own record shop, following a passion for music that was deep-rooted in his childhood.

On Saturday people across the country celebrated National Record Store day, with artists playing in stores and the release of special one-off records, and Bulldog Music is enjoying the revival of vinyl.

Mr O'Shea said: "There has always been a collectors' market but now there is a lot more interest in run-of-the-mill music.

"Stuff like old classics and rock that people grew up with, I guess it is people trying to hold onto their youth.

"There are a lot more younger people attracted to buying vinyl and I really can't explain why."

After being made redundant by Natwest Mr O'Shea set up a record shop/online business in the shape of retrobloke.com and then went on to set up his latest project.

Bulldog Music is believed to be the last independent record store in Milton Keynes, with shops such as Phat Trax in Wolverton, Paul Sounds in Stony Stratford, Fish Music in Wolverton and Bletchley and Eclectic Sounds in Bletchley all closing in the last two decades.

In his Queensway shop, Mr O'Shea is joined by Edward Silvestor, who was the former owner of Eclectic Sounds, and believes he has pin-pointed why vinyl died out.

He said: "DJs used to spend £30 for a night's records back

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The pair's love for vinyl stems from spending long periods of time at car boot sales buying and swapping vinyls, a passion that is undimmed as they are still interested in purchasing and swapping at their shop.

BULLDOG'S TOP 10

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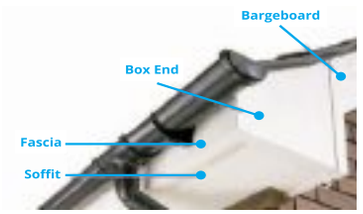

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Couple 'isolated' by phone delay

BY JACK ASH
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RESIDENTS of a new housing development are angry after waiting more than three months for a telephone and internet connection.

Tony and Christine Taylor of Tasmanian Grove, Newton Leys, have been without a landline connection since moving into their house at the start of the year.

The couple informed BT a month before moving in and were promised they would be connected in mid-January.

Yet the Taylors are still without any phone or internet line, despite having been given a number of dates for when the problem would be fixed. They have paid BT £40 per month since January with the understanding the company will reimburse them once the problem is fixed.

Mr Taylor said: "Not being able to keep in contact with my son, daughter-in-law and new-born grandson in London has been really hard. My wife has not been able to speak to her sister in Canada since the problem started.

Hanging on the telephone: Tony Taylor

"Getting a mobile phone signal is sometimes difficult, which has really made us feel isolated. I feel even sorrier for our neighbours who moved in November and aren't connected. Nobody seems to care."

Almost 2,000 properties are set to be built on the estate.

A spokesman from BT said: "Openreach has supplied service to timescales as instructed on this development. They have now completed work and residents should now be able to place orders with service providers."

Mr Taylor believes inefficiencies by construction firm Taylor Wimpey contributed to the delay in being connected. The company uses a subcontractor to lay internet cables, which must be ready before BT connects houses.

Mrs Taylor added: "You wouldn't expect to move into a house without water, gas or electricity – why should one be expected to move in without the internet?"

A spokesman from Taylor Wimpey said: "All necessary works have been completed to our new homes to enable BT to supply telephone and internet connections.

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Out of this world: Matthew Douse, Tom Scott and Jamie Heathcote, from Shenley Brook End School, whose experiment is being flown to the International Space Station

Space kids' victory

BY JACK ASH
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THREE pupils are set to have their experiment sent into space after winning a competition judged by a British astronaut at Cranfield University.

Matthew Douse, Tom Scott and Jamie Heathcote, all from Shenley Brook End School, along with William Johnson from Wootton Upper School in Bedford, created an experiment judged by Michael Foule.

The experiment, ionic liquids in a microgravitational environment, tested how liquids which could be used as lubricants in the vacuum of space react to other materials in zero gravity.

Very little work in this area has been completed in space.

Matthew, 14, from Furzton, who is set to see his team's experiment taken to the International Space Station in October or November, admitted he was surprised at the victory.

He said: "I didn't know how to react, we were one of the smaller teams and a lot younger than the others.

"It was really great to meet Michael Foule.

"I had always wanted to meet someone who had been into space. I went to astronomy club a few years ago and that is what sparked my enthusiasm."

The competition was open to people aged between 14 and 18 and the 13 teams only found out what they had to do on the day.

This year's assignment was entitled 'Create an experiment to carry out on the International Space Station.'

Matthew, who is taking triple science at GCSE, admits his ultimate goal is to get into astronomy as a career.

He said: "My big desire is to be at Mission Control.

"I don't want to be an astronaut as I don't think I could deal with life-and-death situations."

The team will go to King's College London to set the experiment up before it is sent into space by astronauts.

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Dorothy who is aged 83 and lives locally in Milton Keynes has £230K invested in an HSBC discretionary fund management (DFM) service as well as a further £100K invested in another HSBC DFM which is held in a trust for the benefit of her grandchildren.

What is truly shocking is that she recently visited her branch seeking some advice and was told that HSBC no longer offers financial advice for customers!!!! Dorothy is worried and doesn't know where to turn to for advice.

Her daughter Susan lives in the North West of England. When she found out about her mother's dilemma she immediately did a search on Google and found two useful websites one of which was unbiased.co.uk and the other vouchedfor.co.uk. Unbiased.co.uk is a directory of independent financial advisers whereas vouchedfor.co.uk is a testimonials website for professional advisers. She chose us because she wanted a firm of Chartered Financial Planners with a specialism in investment management and estate planning including Inheritance Tax mitigation. She supplemented her research with checking our website at wealthandtax.co.uk focussing on our many client video testimonials.

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We recently had our first meeting with Dorothy and her son Brian at our offices with Susan joining the meeting on a Skype video call from her living room in the North West of England. The meeting went very well.

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Comic book's plot plays out in the city

BY SARAH LEE
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A novel idea: Paul B Rainey with his comic book that is set in MK

IMAGINE a Milton Keynes where time travel is perfectly normal; where you can download films before they have even been made and find out, if you're not too careful, the date and time of your death.

Thanks to the vivid imagination of author Paul B Rainey, this futuristic vision of MK is at the centre of his debut comic book, There's No Time Like The Present.

"It's about a group of friends with varying degrees of nerd tendencies. It's set in what appears to be the real world, except that time travel exists," he said.

Paul, 47, of Willen, worked hard for seven years to bring his fantastic story set in MK onto the page. He began writing comics at the age of seven, after being inspired by Planet of the Apes.

He has lived in the city for 33 years, and currently works on the IT helpdesk at the Open University.

He said: "They say that you should write about what you know. So, when I need to move my characters around a house, for example, I'm likely to think of a house that I know in Milton Keynes rather than just make one up.

"It helps me to feel assured that I'm adding authenticity to the comic strip I am drawing and the story that I am telling.

"When I began drawing longer form comics 20 years ago, they required a broader cast and more thought put into the environment that they lived in.

"I tended to find that I used Milton Keynes.

"In my new graphic novel many Milton Keynes landmarks appear, including thecentre:mk, the Peace Pagoda and local bus stops.

"Perhaps the most notable scene takes place outside of the railway station. I find it hard to imagine me drawing comic strips set elsewhere."

Copies of the book can be bought from Waterstones, MK Gallery and the publisher at www.escape-books.co.uk/shop/tntltp-shop/

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The initiative, from Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group, aims to highlight the fact pharmacists have in-depth knowledge of all medicines GPs prescribe and wide experience of over-the-counter medicines, as well as provide advice about health issues.

Festival rubbish dumped in park

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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CONCERNS have been raised by residents after people celebrating a religious festival in a country park left a load of rubbish behind – for the second year running.

Last weekend, hundreds of people from the Sikh community celebrated Vaisakhi, a harvest and New Year festival, at Emberton Country Park.

Bags of waste and rubbish were strewn all over the park angering some Olney residents, who posted comments on a community Facebook page. Town mayor Stephen Clark said: "There were residents who were a bit angry and there are lessons to be learned for next year."

Rubbish was also dumped after last year's celebrations at the park, leading to an eight-hour clean up by Milton Keynes Council.

A park spokesman said: "We have had residents comment on how pleased they are the rubbish was cleared so quickly."

Navrita Atwal, chief executive of Milton Keynes Equality Council, said: "It is important people of all cultures respect the environment."

A council spokesman added: "We did have a large amount of litter left. All visitors were supplied with bin bags and the vast majority used the rubbish bins on the park.

"Emberton Country Park is self-funding and, while there were costs incurred by assigning extra staff, this was far outweighed by the extra income from the influx of visitors, allowing us to invest that extra income into the park."

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Sky Sports: Presenters Natalie Sawyer and Jim White were guests at stadiummk at the weekend

BY SCOTT KIRK
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SKY Sports presenters Natalie Sawyer and Jim White were at stadiummk on Saturday as part of the Sky Bet Transfer Fund.

The popular duo were 'transfer listed' by Sky Bet, which gave supporters around the country the chance to win them for their Football League club for a day.

Dons fan Chris Read won the competition and before the Dons played Leyton Orient, the presenters laid out the kit, set up the goals, sold tickets and read the teams out.

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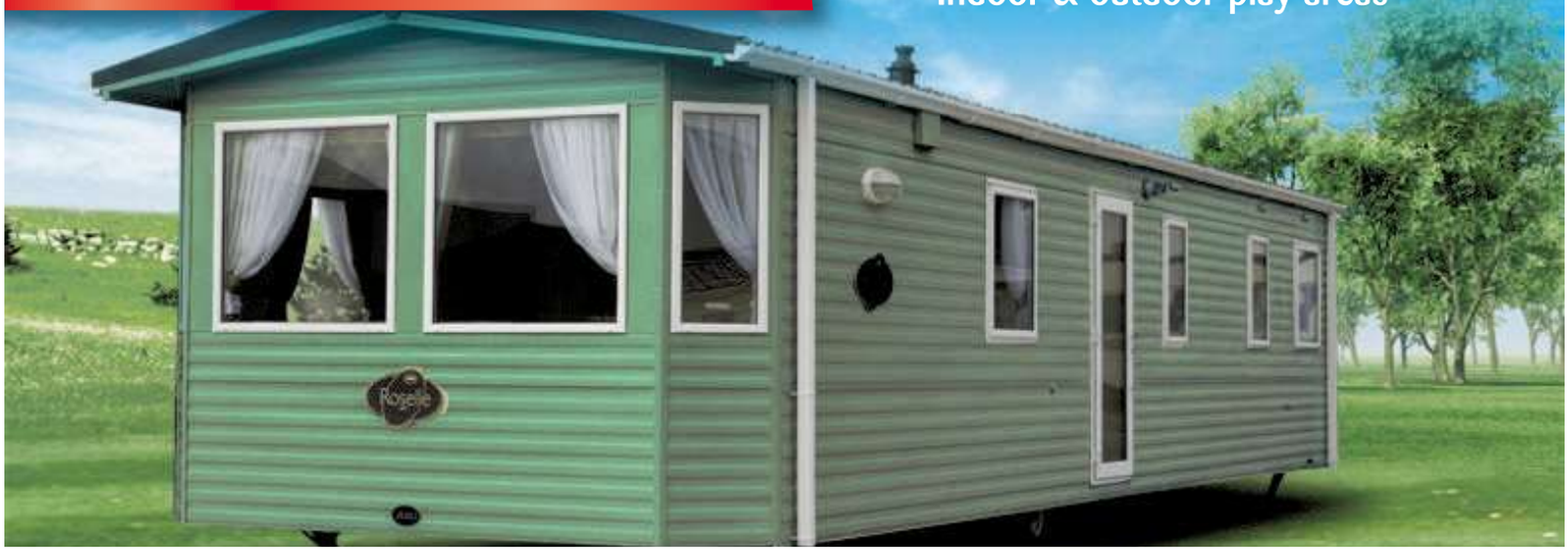

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CRAIG 50 seeks likeminded female for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416143

JOHN seeking slim white lady, any age for fun times in the Reading area. Tel No: 0905 515 4426 Box No: 415935

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WHITE gent NR, fun, good looking, seeks lady friend, any age, London. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 383301

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MALE WLTM big busty female for fun and friendship, possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 408861

BLACK male, seeks white female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 405703

TALL black male, seeking no strings fun with female. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410271

WHITE male, 50, seeks genuine, loyal, sincere black female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413261

DAVID mid 50's, seeking mature adult fun. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410636

KAREN 46, 5ft 6ins, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more, honest, truthful, various interests. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413118

40YR old average blond hair, blue-eyed male, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410851

DAVE genuine guy, 59, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gardening, music, seeks female with GSOH and genuine. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 380372

OLDER woman 65 plus wanted by younger, tall male with CHAC and GSOH, handsending, self sufficient for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409855

PETER 66, 5ft 8ins, bld hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes countryside, seaside, animals, nights in, seeks female for LTR. Any age/status. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410720

BERNARD 63, brave hairleyes, seeking lady for spoil male, romance and TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 406803

BLACK male, 6ft 2ins, shaved head, seeking white female, brunette/black hair. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409709

RELIABLE black male, 50, 5ft 10ins, outgoing, funny, lt, seeks honest female wanting true love and happiness. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 407900

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TREVOR 61, likes nights in/out, pubs, clubs, walks, seeking female. Tel No: 0905 515 4426 Box No: 409023

DAVE 50's, widower, healthy, loving, kind, seeking female, 30 plus for friendship, possibly more. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409831

WALE 48, kind, loving, WLTM genuine lady 45-50 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 404691

67YR old male, 5ft 8ins, brown eyes, widower, seeking female, 30-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 408041

STEVEN attractive male, seeking no strings meets in Hemel/Aylesbury areas. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 375197

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Men seeking men

GUY 61, lt, 5ft 10ins, medium build, seeking similar male for discreet fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410741

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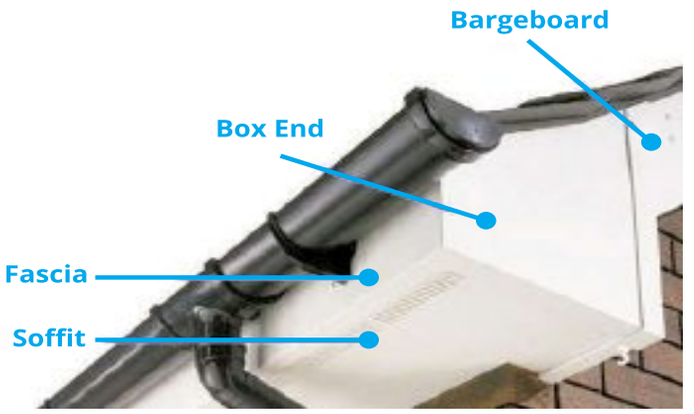

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To all the wonderful ladies in Milton Keynes,

Willen Hospice urgently needs your help.

On Saturday 4th July, hundreds of ladies from across Milton Keynes and beyond will be walking 10 miles at midnight in aid of Willen Hospice. The MK Midnight Moo is a 10 mile ladies only walk that's not only a fantastic way to raise vital funds for Willen Hospice but is great fun too!

With 78% of our funding coming from the community, we rely on the generosity, support and dedication of people just like you - the money raised by all the ladies who have walked the MK Midnight Moo since it launched in 2009 has helped Willen Hospice continue to offer specialist end-of-life care and support to our patients and their families.

We need you to walk with us.

Please sign up today for the MK Midnight Moo 2015 – every walker makes a difference, every £1 helps towards ensuring we'll always be there to care for our patients and their families.

We need you to get sponsors, have lots of fun and walk those ten miles on 4th July. Please register now for the MK Midnight Moo 2015 at mkmidnightmoo.com, call us on 01908 303055 or email florence@mkmidnightmoo.com

Please support your hospice – we look forward to seeing you at the starting line for the MK Midnight Moo 2015!

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Big screen brush with Mr Turner

DIRECTOR Mike Leigh's broad brushstroke approach to the life of one of the most influential British artists of all time, J M W Turner, will be shown at MK Gallery as part of its Friday Night Films.

The artist lived from 1775 to 1851 and the film explores the last 25 years of his life.

Profoundly affected by the death of his father and loved by a housekeeper he takes for granted and occasionally exploits sexually, he forms a close relationship with a seaside landlady with whom he eventually lives incognito in Chelsea.

Throughout this, he travels, paints, stays with the country aristocracy, visits brothels, is a popular if anarchic member of the Royal Academy of Arts, has himself strapped to the mast of a ship so that he can paint a snowstorm and is both celebrated and reviled by the public and royalty.

The film starts at 7.30pm on Friday and lasts 150 minutes.

Tickets cost £5 for adults, or £3 for concessions, from mkgallery.co.uk

Friday Night Films at the gallery is a pop up cinema offering an alternative film experience, devised by Independent Cinema MK in association with MK Gallery.

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TO CELEBRATE The Casino MK's devilishly good '666' roulette odds, the home of the big win has teamed up with MK LIFE to give you the chance to win a hell of a good time at the super casino!

This fantastic prize will see you and three guests enjoy a complimentary a la carte meal, including wine, at The Casino MK's Clary's Bar & Grill, followed by a VIP gaming experience to show you the ropes of some of casino's most popular games, including blackjack and roulette.

This month, the casino is giving you the chance to win a share of the 666 jackpot if three consecutive sixes come up at your roulette table. The jackpot started at £666 on April 1 and has been increasing by £6 every half an hour until it hits a maximum of £6,666.

There's also a whole host of freebies up for grabs whenever another treble hits the tables, including a Red Devil cocktail on the house.

To win this exclusive 666 package at The Casino MK just answer this simple question:

What's the maximum amount that The Casino MK's 666 Jackpot will reach?

To enter visit mkweb.co.uk/competitions. Or send your answer, name, address and daytime telephone number to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by April 29. The editor's decision is final

rockheavyweights

CONSIDERED one of the big four pioneers of hard rock and heavy metal in the late 1960s and early 70s, along with Black Sabbath, Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin, Uriah Heep still enjoy legendary status.

The band will be coming to The Stables for one night only on Thursday, April 30.

Their unique, progressive, hard sound has made them a mainstay of the rock circuit for four decades.

Famed for their accomplished musical talents, diverse song-writing and powerful live performances, the band have released some of the most popular and defining music of their genre.

Tickets to the gig, taking place at 8pm, cost £27.50 but are selling out fast so make sure you don't miss out. Call the box office on 01908 280800.

greekcomedy

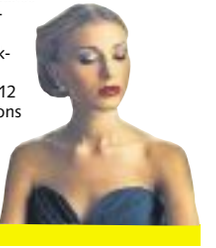
LYSISTRATA is a stunning new adaptation of Aristophanes' famous comedy.

The one female brave enough to take men on at their own game is declaring outright war at Stantonbury Theatre.

The battle of the sexes commences as Lysistrata persuades all Greek women to withhold all sexual practices from their men folk, in return for an end to the ongoing Peloponnesian war. Will brute force or sexual persuasion win the day?

Critically acclaimed director Alice Sillet puts physical comedy, puppetry and mask work centre-stage in this scintillating modern reworking of Aristophanes' famed comedy.

The show takes place tomorrow from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £13 for adults, £12 for concessions and £10 for schools from 01908 324466.



brilliantbrass

BRADWELL Silver Band are proud to return to their home parish for their annual spring concert and awards presentation on Saturday.

Under the baton of musical director Brian Keech, the band will perform a varied selection of music to suit all ages and tastes at St James Church in New Bradwell.

Featured soloists will include principal cornet Julia Hollis, principal euphonium Fraser Cousins and their talented young soprano cornet player, Adam Chappell. The trombone section will lead them in a hearty rendition of It's Not Unusual to get the audience swaying and singing along. The Bradwell Development Band, conducted by Keith Jones, will play a selection of tunes to show how they are progressing.

The concert takes place at 7.30pm and tickets are £6 for adults and £5 for concessions on the door.

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newheights

DANCE fans can immerse themselves in Northern Ballet's passionate adaptation of the classic story, Wuthering Heights.

The show is coming to Milton Keynes Theatre from Tuesday until May 2.

But the company has something wonderful for younger fans of dance too with Elves and the Shoemaker, its delightful ballet for children also on the bill.

Get caught up in Cathy and Heathcliff's turbulent love affair as the 'best dance actors in the world' capture the spirit of Wuthering Heights and the untamed beauty of the Yorkshire Moors.

Passionate and obsessive, Cathy and Heathcliff's love is as unruly and dangerous as the Moors that surround them. As children they are inseparable, but over time their childish affection deepens into an overwhelming and devastating love.

Emily Brontë's romantic masterpiece is performed to live music by Golden Globe and Academy Award-nominated Claude-Michel Schönberg (Les Misérables, Miss Saigon and Northern Ballet's Cleopatra) with choreography by David Nixon OBE.

Tickets cost from £13.90 to £40.40. To book visit www.atgtickets.com/milton-keynes

ringingchanges

THE Phone and Post Office Vehicles Day returns to MK Museum on Sunday.

People of all ages can discover more about the far-from-humble telephone and the way we communicate.

In addition to postal and telephone vehicles from the last 80 years, also on show will be working switchboards and exchange equipment, telegraph and telephone equipment, films and videos and stalls and display stands.

Entry is part of the standard museum ticket, which costs £7.50 for adults, £6 concessions and £22 for a family of four.

This event is in conjunction with The Post Office Vehicle Club and is open from 11am to 4.30pm.

AMY Converse from Vets4Pets in Bletchley offers advice on how to tackle the most common health problem in cats and dogs – dental disease

CAN you guess the most common health problem encountered on pet dogs and cats? Would you believe that it is dental disease?

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, 80 per cent of dogs and 70 per cent of cats over the age of two have some form of dental disease.

Signs of dental disease include bad breath, red or bleeding gums, reluctance to eat hard foods, brown teeth, or pawing at the face or mouth.

It is recommended by vets that pets' teeth are brushed at least several times per week if possible. If this is not possible there are other ways to help with pets' teeth, including dental rinses and dental chews. Some pet foods even have dental treatments in them.

It is recommended that pets have a yearly examination when the teeth and mouth are examined. If your pet is found to have dental disease, your vet can help.

Dental cleanings can be done along with extractions of diseased teeth if needed, along with procedures as sophisticated as root canals, which are done by those with special training.

If you want to prevent dental disease, your vet's surgery can book an appointment with a nurse to show you how to clean your pet's teeth. If good dental hygiene is started at a young age, dental disease can be prevented, or its progression slowed down.

katycalling

THE centre:mk will host ARTfull's next monthly show, featuring the new collection from artist Katy Jade Dobson, on Saturday.

Following the wonderful wildlife paintings of The Spectrum Collection, her second portfolio – The Phosphenes Collection – is a deluge of rich, vivacious colours and opulent textures in a joining of traditional oil painting with a modern presence.

This coupling of classic inspirations and techniques with a contemporary slant shows a bold omnipresence throughout Katy's work.

Make sure you go along to The Katy Dobson Show for free, where you will get the chance to meet the artist from 11am-3pm and find out about the inspiration and creativity behind her new work.

Specially commissioned original paintings and exclusive artist proofs will be on display, and there will be photo opportunities to pose with the artist.

Anyone buying a picture during the event will receive an exclusive dedication card from Katy.

A free raffle will have as its prize one of Katy's paintings, Nectar of the Gods, worth £395.

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Join our garden getaway for an amazing opportunity to see the private gardens of their Royal Highnesses, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. Tucked away in the Gloucestershire countryside, The Prince of Wales has spent thirty years transforming the grounds around Highgrove into some of the most inspired and innovative gardens in the UK which His Royal Highness now shares with visitors. Led by one of his dedicated garden staff, we can explore this stunning landscape and learn of its fascinating history.

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- Visit to Trelissick Gardens & Padstow
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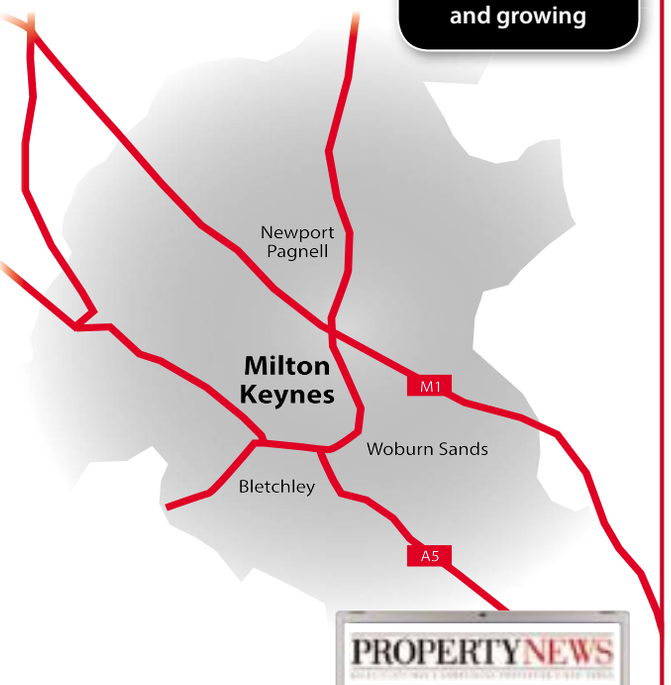

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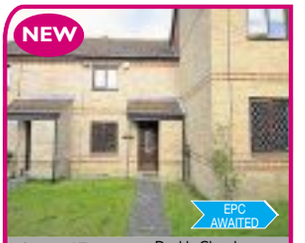

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- The ability to engage with the wider community without being judgemental
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Visits to our 'outstanding' school are encouraged from applicants who seek a unique and inspiring environment in which to work.

For an application form, job description and person specification, please contact the school office on **01908 377833** or via our email **address office@waterhallprimary.co.uk**

Closing date: Tuesday 5th May 2015 mid-day
Interview date: Friday 8th May 2015

Water Hall Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
An enhanced DBS is required for this post and references will be sought prior to interview.

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Manshead School

Dunstable Road, Caddington, Beds. LU1 4BB
Number on Roll: 1069 (290 in Sixth Form)
Headteacher - Jim Parker

We are an 11-19 Church of England Secondary School situated on an attractive site just south of Dunstable.

We are currently recruiting for the following fixed term maternity cover roles required for September or sooner:

We are looking for innovative teachers to join our successful English, Health & Social Care, History and Sociology departments. These departments are part of very successful faculties and the results at GCSE and A level are good.

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MPR/UPR plus a recruitment incentive for a suitable candidate
Fixed-term

Vacancy ID: 102778

TEACHER OF HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

MPR/UPR plus a recruitment incentive for a suitable candidate
Fixed-term

Vacancy ID: 102780

TEACHER OF HISTORY

MPR/UPR plus a recruitment incentive for a suitable candidate
Fixed-term

Vacancy ID: 102781

TEACHER OF SOCIOLOGY

MPR/UPR plus a recruitment incentive for a suitable candidate
Fixed-term

Vacancy ID: 102779

This is an exciting opportunity at our school that has undergone transformational change in the last year. This year we expect to achieve our best ever results.

We offer the following benefits:-

- the school currently offers a July start for NQTs
- a comprehensive induction programme and a supportive working environment
- opportunity to teach students in a Sixth Form that is in the top 5% of sixth forms nationally
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We welcome visits from prospective staff. If you would like an informal conversation about the posts or would like to visit before applying please contact Stuart Moore, Deputy Headteacher.

To apply for any of the above roles, visit www.mansheadschool.co.uk or for further details and an application form please contact Sue Wilson at the school address, telephone 01582 679409 or email office@mansheadschool.co.uk

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted within 1 week of the closing date.
Closing date: 27 April 2015
Interview date: Within 10 days of closing

Primary Class Teacher

Barnfield Vale Academy
Wilbury Drive, Dunstable, LU5 4QP

START DATE: September 2015
SALARY: MPS/UPS

Barnfield Vale Academy are seeking to appoint two talented, creative and innovative individuals to our team who can be instrumental in furthering our excellent work in our thriving and successful academy.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate experience of teaching in either Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2. We are looking for candidates with a passion for working with children and a flexible attitude to work requirements.

The successful candidate should have a clear understanding about effective teaching, raising and sustaining achievement and the support required for well-motivated students. They should be good communicators and should be able to engage effectively.

Visits to the Academy before making an application are warmly welcomed - please contact the Headteachers PA on 01582 523000.

We would welcome applications from all persons newly qualified or otherwise.

For further details and an application pack, please contact:-

HR Department - 01582 569672 or email academyrecruitment@barnfield.ac.uk

CVs will not be accepted for posts within the Academy

Closing date for applications: 8 May 2015
Interviews will be held: TBC

CV's will not be accepted. The Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and the DBS. We are an equal opportunities employer.

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ICKNIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hearing Impaired Provision and Hearing Impaired Pre-School & Primary Outreach
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Teacher of the Deaf

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To commence September 2015

Vacancy ID: 102843

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We are committed to working with families, children, mainstream teachers and other professionals to promote inclusion by supporting children's full and active involvement in all aspects of the curriculum.

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The successful applicant will:

- demonstrate an excellent working knowledge of the primary curriculum and audiological needs of all deaf children
- have experience of assessing, planning and teaching children with SEND/Speech, language and communication delay
- be enthusiastic, self-motivating and able to demonstrate flexibility in your style of approach
- have a caring and patient nature, and possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- be a team player, and contribute to the shared inclusive ethos of our school.

To arrange an informal discussion, please contact Ms Paula Sanders, PA to the Headteacher
Email: headspa@icknield.primaryluton.co.uk

Visits to the school are encouraged, by appointment

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs
Closing date: 5th May 2015
Interview date: Week commencing 11th May 2015

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Interviews: 20 May 2015

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You must have some experience (minimum of six months) in commerce/industrial catering as a cook and be able to produce meals of a high standard. City & Guilds 706/1-706/2 is an essential requirement as is the Basic Food Hygiene Certificate.

You must be available for relief duties during weekends to cover for the Weekend Cooks during periods of sickness and annual leave.

The successful candidate will be provided with a catering uniform with a requirement to wear corporate clothing as required.

An application form, job description and personnel specification, together with other relevant details may be obtained from www.bedsfire.com where the advertisement will be published under 'Careers and Recruitment'. Alternatively, if you are unable to access a computer, please contact the Human Resources Section on 01234 845025.

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You must have a current First Aid at Work certificate and an understanding of all aspects of working with children with health/ development issues.

Closing date: 29th April 2015, midday

DT Technician

Start: June 2015

Salary: £7,580—£8,895 p.a. (£16,231-£19,048 fte)

20 hours p.w./ 39 weeks per year

You will provide classroom and workshop support enabling all learners to engage fully with the Design and Technology curriculum and to be responsible for the maintenance and use of tools and equipment.

You must have a Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) Competent Person and Design and Technology Association – SMHS module qualifications or be willing to undertake this training.

Closing date: 30th April 2015, midday

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BEDFORD SCHOOL

MATHEMATICS TEACHER

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The School has its own salary scale which is well above the national scale and there is generous fee remission for children of teaching staff of the Harpur Trust Schools in Bedford.

A copy of the job description and an application form is available to download from the School's website.

Completed applications should be sent to Sarah Lapidge, Bedford School, De Parys Avenue, Bedford MK40 2TU 01234 362214 slapidge@bedfordschool.org.uk no later than midday on Monday 27th April 2015.

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All posts are subject to an Enhanced DBS Clearance.

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Closing Date Noon on Monday 27th April 2015
Interview Date Friday 1st May 2015

Alameda Middle School

Head: Miss M Warner B. Soc. Sc. NPQH
Station Road, Ampthill, MK45 2QR
W: www.alamedamiddleschool.org.uk

Required for September 2015
Teacher of Maths MPS

Alameda is a high achieving and expanding school that is well resourced, has a friendly, supportive staff and well behaved, motivated pupils. NQTs benefit from a comprehensive induction programme. Newly qualified or experienced teachers are welcome to apply.

If you are interested in the above post, please contact Miss Warner for more information:
mwarner@alamedamiddleschool.org.uk
Further details and application form for the above post are available on our website:
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- A strong and supportive team of Directors
- An outstanding team of staff, who have energy and drive
- An opportunity to play a part in the future of an outstanding Teaching School

*ability to teach Italian as well would be an advantage.

For an application form and further details , please email hr@stm.beds.sch.uk or contact the school office at the above address

Closing date for applications is: Thursday, 30 April 2015

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ENGLISH SUBJECT LEADER

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If you have the ability to deliver and develop the English curriculum, have high standards of teaching and can inspire our pupils and members of the English Department, we would love to hear from you.

Beauchamp Middle is a progressive school that offers a supportive and positive working environment.

Application packs are available from our school website.

Closing date: Monday 27th April 2015 (noon).
Interview date: Wednesday 6th May 2015

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The successful candidate will have:
- The ability to provide inspirational and effective leadership and strategic direction
- Extensive teaching, leadership and management experience
- Exceptional drive and enthusiasm
- A proven track record of partnership working
- An excellent record of raising educational achievement and outcomes for pupils.

To apply: The application pack can be downloaded from www.acb.beds.sch.uk or by emailing hnicholson@acb.beds.sch.uk
For further information and to arrange a visit please contact Helen Nicholson on 01582 343878.

All offers of employment are "conditional" until a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

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Closing Date: 1st May 2015
Interview Date: Week beginning 4th May 2015

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MPS/UPS & TLR2 of £2587

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Start date: 1st September 2015

Foundation Stage Leader position: This is a maternity cover and would suit someone who has at least four years' experience in EYFS and who is ready for the challenge of EYFS leadership. The successful applicant will have a strong understanding of the EYFS curriculum, assessment and effective provision to meet the needs of children. Previous experience of leading an EYFS area would be advantageous.

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Start date: 2nd June 2015

LTA required to support in classroom and provide intervention programmes to small groups. The successful candidate will have proven successful experience in a school and be able to deliver support programmes successfully.

Please visit our website for further information. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to visit us for a school tour. To discuss any of these positions, book a tour or request an application pack, please contact Gill Ashley, School Business Manager.

Closing Date: 9.00am Tuesday 5th May 2015

Interview Date: Friday 8th May for Teacher roles and Friday 15th May for Support staff roles

Website: http://www.brooksward.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Email: office@brooksward.org.uk

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be require to undertake an enhanced DBS check. We are an equal opportunities employer.

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Educational Vacancies

St PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Specialist Science College and Training School

Phoenix Drive Leadenhall Milton Keynes MK6 5EN

Headteacher: Michael Manley

St Paul's is a thriving and successful Catholic school with an excellent reputation. We are committed to the care of all pupils and to challenge and support them to do the best that is possible. The hard work of the highly motivated, professional and friendly staff continues to lead to higher levels of pupil learning and examination success. Some of the staff are Catholics, some are practising Christians but all are supportive of the way in which we work. If you are committed to the care and success of pupils and working in a setting where the values of forgiveness, concern for others and respect for each person are important then you share the core values of the staff at St. Paul's.

The Governors are looking to make the following appointments:

Communication Support Worker

Salary: St Paul's Pay Range 3 (£20,846 to £23,378)
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29 hours per week term time only

To support the learning of pupils with hearing impairment needs within the classroom. The person appointed will have a good working knowledge of BSL to a standard of level 2 or upwards. The hours of work are from 8.45am until 2.45pm on Monday and Friday and 3.35pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Administrative Assistant

Salary: St Paul's Pay Range 2 (£17,451 to £21,213)
(Pro- rata £7,798 to £9,480)

20 hours per week: term time, plus 3 training days

We require an Administrative Assistant to work in the Learning Support/VI Department to adapt learning materials for visually impaired pupils. Good keyboarding skills are essential and the ability to learn how to use specialist software packages. You will need to be flexible and work as part of a team.

For an application form and further details please contact St Paul's Catholic School on 01908 669735, or visit the schools website www.st-pauls.org.uk. Closing date for applications: Tuesday 5 May 2015 at 12.00 noon.

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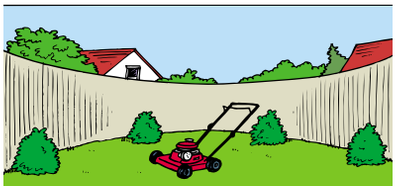

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22 April 2015

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SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/00638/FUL	Removal of boundary fence and replacement with brick wall at 2 Silver End, Olney
15/00708/FUL	Ground floor extension to rear (Resubmission of 14/02269/FUL) at 30 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford
15/00728/FUL	First floor rear extension (Renewal of Application 11/02777/FUL) at 7 Hopkins Close, Milton Keynes Village
15/00732/FUL	Single storey extension, dormer to rear and rooflights to front at 45 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford
15/00763/FUL	Change of use from retail to launderette (use class Sui Generis) with installation at rear of gas boiler flue and ventilation from dryers; replacement of existing wooden windows with new frames at 100 High Street, Newport Pagnell
15/00781/FUL	Replacement of windows and door (Retrospective) at 75 Victoria Street, Wolverton
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/00690/FUL	Alter, extend and repair Grade II listed building. Add bathroom at first floor over location of ground floor rear porch. Alter and repair rear single storey stone farm buildings attached to house, raise roof and change use to dwelling from storage. Add bedroom at first floor over part of ground floor stone barns. Various repairs at 3 Leys Road, Loughton
15/00691/LBC	Listed building consent to alter, extend and repair Grade II listed building. Add bathroom at first floor over location of ground floor rear porch. Alter and repair rear single storey stone farm buildings attached to house, raise roof and change use to dwelling from storage. Add bedroom at first floor over part of ground floor stone barns. Various repairs at 3 Leys Road, Loughton
15/00830/LBC	Listed building consent to replace existing front door and retain frame; replace existing dining room window; remove paving slabs to dining room floor and construct new floor; remove plasterboard covering to dining room stone fireplace and rebuild fireplace at 11 School Lane, Castlethorpe
SECTION 67 & 73	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/00712/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to fell 1 x Horse Chestnut tree (T1) at Manor Farm House, 50 South Street, Castlethorpe
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
15/00677/FUL	Installation of new roof top condenser unit at 18 Crown Walk, Central Milton Keynes
15/00678/LBC	Listed building consent for installation of new roof top condenser unit at 18 Crown Walk, Central Milton Keynes
15/00684/LBC	Listed building consent for 1 replacement external door and internal alterations to include conversion of existing outbuilding to entrance hall and WC, insertion of internal door from entrance hall to kitchen, removal of kitchen/dining room wall and refitted kitchen and bathrooms at Home Farm, Bedford Road, Chicheley, Newport Pagnell

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
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15/00699/REM	Reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 12/01851/MKPCO for approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for development of 206 dwellings and 380sqm of commercial floorspace (use class A1, A2, A3, A5, B1 and D1) at Kingsmead South Sites 1 And 2, Whaddon Road, Kingsmead
15/00761/MKCOD3	Erection of new two-storey educational building, including new hard play area, new MUGA court, new car parking provision, bicycle spaces, new circulatory access and pedestrian access, landscaping and ancillary works at Jubilee Wood School, 1 Fishermead Boulevard, Fishermead

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NOTICE OF VARIATION OF CHARGES AT DESIGNATED OFF-STREET PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE PARKING PLACES AND LONG STAY PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PARKING PLACES WITHIN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES 2015

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES, in accordance with the provisions of Section 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Regulation 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that with effect from and including 18th May 2015, there will be a change in the charges payable for the following:

Off-street pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking places specified in Schedules 1 and 2: The current charge of 40 pence per hour, up to a maximum period of 4 hours will increase to 50 pence per hour, up to a maximum period of parking for 12 hours in each pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking space.

Off-street pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking places specified in Schedule 1A: The current charge of 40 pence per hour will increase to 50 pence per hour, for each successive period of 1 hour between 7.00am and 6.00pm every day of the week in each pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking space.

Off-street long stay pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking places specified in Schedule 3: The current charge of £8.00 per day will increase to £10.00 per day in respect of each long stay pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking place.

Full time employee permits. The current charge of £360.00 will increase to £450.00 per annum. The chart below indicates the charges per month.

NUMBER OF MONTHS	CURRENT CHARGE	REVISED CHARGE
1 month	£30.00	**£37.50**
2 month	£60.00	**£75.00**
3 months	£90.00	**£112.50**
4 months	£120.00	**£150.00**
5 months	£150.00	**£187.50**
6 months	£180.00	**£225.00**
7 months	£210.00	**£262.50**
8 months	£240.00	**£300.00**
9 months	£270.00	**£337.50**
10 months	£300.00	**£375.00**
11 months	£330.00	**£412.50**
12 months	£360.00	**£450.00**

Part time employee permits. The current charge of 80p per session will increase to £1.00 per session. The chart below indicates charges per session.

NUMBER OF SESSIONS	CURRENT CHARGE MONTHLY	REVISED CHARGE MONTHLY	CURRENT CHARGE YEARLY	REVISED CHARGE YEARLY
1 session (1x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£3.20	**£4.00**	£38.40	**£48.00**
2 sessions (2x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£6.40	**£8.00**	£76.80	**£96.00**
3 sessions (3x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£9.60	**£12.00**	£115.20	**£144.00**
4 sessions (4x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£12.80	**£16.00**	£153.60	**£192.00**
5 sessions (5x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£16.00	**£20.00**	£192.00	**£240.00**
6 sessions (6x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£19.20	**£24.00**	£230.40	**£288.00**
7 sessions (7x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£22.40	**£28.00**	£268.80	**£336.00**
8 sessions (8x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£25.60	**£32.00**	£307.20	**£384.00**
9 sessions (9x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£28.80	**£36.00**	£345.60	**£432.00**
10 sessions (10x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£32.00	**£40.00**	£384.00	**£480.00**
11 sessions (11x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£35.20	**£44.00**	£422.40	**£528.00**
12 sessions (12x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£38.40	**£48.00**	£460.80	**£576.00**

Full day employee permit scratch card. The current charge of £1.60 per day will increase to £2.00 per day.

Five hour employee permit scratch card. The current charge of 80p per day will increase to £1.00 per day.

Off-street long stay pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking places. The current charge of £8.00 will increase to £10.00 per day in respect of each long stay pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking place.

Commuter permits. The current charge of £900.00 will increase to £1,125.00 per annum. The chart below indicates the charges per month.

NUMBER OF MONTHS	CURRENT CHARGE	REVISED CHARGE
1 month	£75.00	£93.75
2 month	£150.00	£187.50
3 months	£225.00	£281.25
4 months	£300.00	£375.00
5 months	£375.00	£468.75
6 months	£450.00	£562.50
7 months	£525.00	£656.25
8 months	£600.00	£750.00
9 months	£675.00	£843.75
10 months	£750.00	£937.50
11 months	£825.00	£1,031.25
12 months	£900.00	£1,125.00

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (OFF-STREET PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE PARKING PLACES AND DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2013

The above changes will affect each of the car parks stated in Schedules 1, 1A, 2, 2A and 3 of the above named Order. The car parks affected are listed below:

Elder Gate Car Park - that whole car park area from the south-east vehicular access-way from its junction with Avebury Boulevard	**Grafton Gate Car Park** - that whole car park area from the north-east vehicular access-way from its junction with Grafton Gate
LOWER FOURTH STREET CAR PARK - that whole car park area from the north-east vehicular access-way from its junction with Lower Fourth Street	**Secklow Gate Car Park** - that whole car park area from the north-east vehicular access-way from its junction with Secklow Gate
South Second Street Car Park - that whole car park area from the north-east vehicular access-way from its junction with South Second Street	**South Sixth Street Car Park** - that whole car park area from the north-east vehicular access-way from its junction with South Sixth Street

NOTICE OF VARIATION OF CHARGES AT DESIGNATED ON-STREET STANDARD RATE, PREMIUM RATE AND LONG STAY PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE PARKING PLACES WITHIN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES 2015

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES, in accordance with the provisions of Section 46A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Regulation 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that with effect from and including 18th May 2015, there will be a change in the charges payable for the following:

On-street standard rate pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking places. The current charge of 40 pence per hour will increase to 50 pence per hour, up to a maximum period of parking for 12 hours in each standard rate pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking space.

Full time employee permits. The current charge of £360.00 will increase to £450.00 per annum. The chart below indicates the charges per month.

NUMBER OF MONTHS	CURRENT CHARGE	REVISED CHARGE
1 month	£30.00	**£37.50**
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3 months	£90.00	**£112.50**
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8 months	£240.00	**£300.00**
9 months	£270.00	**£337.50**
10 months	£300.00	**£375.00**
11 months	£330.00	**£412.50**
12 months	£360.00	**£450.00**

Part time employee permits. The current charge of 80p per session will increase to £1.00 per session. The chart below indicates charges per session.

NUMBER OF SESSIONS	CURRENT CHARGE MONTHLY	REVISED CHARGE ONTHLY	CURRENT CHARGE YEARLY	REVISED CHARGE YEARLY
1 session (1x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£3.20	**£4.00**	£38.40	**£48.00**
2 sessions (2x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£6.40	**£8.00**	£76.80	**£96.00**
3 sessions (3x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£9.60	**£12.00**	£115.20	**£144.00**
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8 sessions (8x £1.00p x 4 weeks)	£25.60	**£32.00**	£307.20	**£384.00**
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Five hour employee permit scratch card. The current charge of 80p per day will increase to £1.00 per day.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET STANDARD RATE PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE PARKING PLACES AND VARIOUS PERMITS) ORDER 2002

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET STANDARD RATE PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE PARKING PLACES AND VARIOUS PERMITS) ORDER 2005

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET STANDARD RATE PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PLACES AND VARIOUS PERMITS) ORDER 2013

The above changes will affect each of the streets stated in the Schedules of the above named Orders. The streets affected are listed below:

Grafton Gate (south-west side) between Avebury Boulevard and South Row	**Silbury Boulevard** (both sides) between Grafton Gate and Witan Gate
Grafton Gate (north-east side) between Silbury Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard	**Silbury Boulevard** (both sides) between Witan Gate and Saxon Gate
Grafton Gate (north-east side) between Midsummer Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard	**Silbury Boulevard** (north-west side) between Secklow Gate and Marlborough Gate
Grafton Gate (both sides) between Portway (H5) and Silbury Boulevard	**Midsummer Boulevard** (both sides) between Grafton Gate and Witan Gate
Witan Gate (both sides side) between North Row and Silbury Boulevard	**Midsummer Boulevard** (both sides) between Witan Gate and Saxon Gate
Witan Gate (both sides) between Silbury Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard	**North Second Street**
Saxon Gate (both sides side) between North Row and Silbury Boulevard	**North Fourth Street**
Saxon Gate (both sides) between Avebury Boulevard and South Row	**North Sixth Street**
Secklow Gate (both sides) between North Row and Silbury Boulevard	**North Seventh Street**
Secklow Gate (both sides) between Midsummer Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard	**North Tenth Street**
Secklow Gate (both sides) between Avebury Boulevard and South Row	**North Eleventh Street**
Grafton Park	**North Twelfth Street**
North Row between Grafton Gate and Witan Gate	**North Fourteenth Street**
North Row between Witan Gate and Saxon Gate	**Upper Second Street**
North Row between Saxon Gate and Secklow Gate	**Upper Fourth Street**
North Row between Secklow Gate and North Fourteenth Street	**Lower Second Street**
South Row between Elder Gate and Grafton Gate	**Lower Third Street**
South Row between Witan Gate and Saxon Gate	**Lower Fourth Street**
South Row between Saxon Gate and Secklow Gate	**Lower Twelfth Street**
Avebury Boulevard (south-east side) between Elder Gate and Grafton Gate	**South Fifth Street**
Avebury Boulevard (north-west side) between Elder Gate and Grafton Gate	**South Sixth Street**
Avebury Boulevard (both sides) between Witan Gate and Saxon Gate	**South Seventh Street**
Avebury Boulevard (both sides) between Saxon Gate and Secklow Gate	**South Eighth Street**
Avebury Boulevard (south-east side) between Secklow Gate and Marlborough Gate	**South Tenth Street**

On-street premium rate pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking places. The current charge of £1.40 will increase to £2.00 per hour in respect of each 12 hour premium rate pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking place. The current charge of 30 pence will increase to 50 pence per 15 minutes, with 50 pence for each successive period of 15 minutes up to the maximum permitted period for parking of 12 hours.

On-street long stay pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking places. The current charge of £8.00 will increase to £10.00 per day in respect of each long stay pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking place.

Commuter permits. The current charge of £900.00 will increase to £1,125.00 per annum. The chart below indicates the charges per month.

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1 month	£75.00	£93.75
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET STANDARD RATE PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE PARKING PLACES AND VARIOUS PERMITS) ORDER 2002

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET STANDARD RATE PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE PARKING PLACES AND VARIOUS PERMITS) ORDER 2005

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET STANDARD RATE PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PLACES AND VARIOUS PERMITS) ORDER 2013

The above changes will affect each of the streets stated in the Schedules of the above named Orders. The streets affected are listed below:

Silbury Boulevard (north-west side) between Elder Gate and Grafton Gate	**South Fifth Street** (south-west side) between Avebury Boulevard and South Row
Silbury Boulevard (both sides) between Grafton Gate and Witan Gate	**Avebury Boulevard** (south-east side) between Elder Gate and Grafton Gate
Silbury Boulevard (both sides) between Witan Gate and Saxon Gate	**Avebury Boulevard** (north-west side) between Grafton Gate and Witan Gate
Silbury Boulevard (both sides) between Saxon Gate and Secklow Gate	**Avebury Boulevard** (south-east side) between Witan Gate and Saxon Gate
Silbury Boulevard (both sides) between Secklow Gate and Marlborough Gate	**Avebury Boulevard** (both sides) between Saxon Gate and Secklow Gate
Midsummer Boulevard (both sides) between Grafton Gate and Witan Gate	**Avebury Boulevard** (north-west side) between Secklow Gate and Marlborough Gate
Midsummer Boulevard (both sides) between Witan Gate and Saxon Gate	**Grafton Gate** (south-west side) between Midsummer Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard
Midsummer Boulevard (south-east side) between Saxon Gate and Secklow Gate	**Witan Gate** (north-east side) between North Row and Silbury Boulevard
Midsummer Boulevard (both sides) between Secklow Gate and Marlborough Gate	**Saxon Gate** (south-west side) between North Row and Silbury Boulevard
North Row between Saxon Gate and Secklow Gate	**Saxon Gate** (both sides) between Silbury Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard
South Row between Saxon Gate and Secklow Gate	**Saxon Gate** (both sides) between Midsummer Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard
North Eighth Street	**Secklow Gate** (south-west side) between North Row and Silbury Boulevard
Lower Eighth Street	**Secklow Gate** (south-west side) between Midsummer Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard
Lower Tenth Street	**Marlborough Gate** (south-west side) between Silbury Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS REDWAYS OR PARTS OF REDWAYS WITHIN BANCROFT) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily **prohibit any access to or along the following lengths of redway in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-**

1) That part of the redway that links V6 Grafton Street and Hadrians Drive, Bancroft;
2) That part of the redway that links Constantine Way, Bancroft Park and Hadrians Drive, Bancroft;
3) That part of the redway that links H3 Monks Way and Kenchester, Bancroft.

It is anticipated that the temporary closures will be in effect from 4th May 2015 and will remain in effect up to and including 8th May 2015 or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable maintenance works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 4th May 2015 and will expire on 4th August 2015 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (ROADS AND PARTS OF ROADS WITHIN BLETCHLEY, BROOKLANDS, GREAT HOLM, HEELANDS, KENTS HILL AND KINGSTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

1) **Albert Street, Bletchley** – From its junction with Princes Way for a distance of 200 metres in a southerly direction;
2) **Princes Way, Bletchley (westbound carriageway only)** – From its junction with Albert Street to its junction with Saxon Street;
3) **Broughton Grounds Lane, Brooklands** – Its entire length;
4) **Kensington Drive, Great Holm** – From its junction with Penworth to its junction with Goodwood;
5) **Glovers Lane, Heelands** – Its entire length;
6) **Timbold Drive, Kents Hill** – From its junction with Hawkhurst Gate to its junction with Hammerwood Gate;
7) **Chippenham Drive, Kingston** – From its junction with Mandeville Drive to its junction with A5130 Newport Road;

It is anticipated that the temporary closures will be in effect from 1st May 2015 and will remain in effect up to and including 8th May 2015 or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable maintenance works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 1st May 2015 and will expire on 4th August 2015 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The forthcoming road closures can be viewed on www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MOUNT FARM AND PARTS OF GRAFTON STREET (V6), SAXON STREET (V7) AND MARLBOROUGH STREET (V8), MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, has on 21st April 2015 made an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, because of the likelihood of danger to the public and in the interests of safety and as a means of segregating traffic from pedestrians during events at the Stadium MK. It is anticipated that the following restrictions will be in effect;

To temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering, waiting and proceeding along the following lengths of road:-

- Dawson Road, Mount Farm, its entire length;
- Clarke Road, Mount Farm, its entire length;
- Bond Avenue, Mount Farm, its entire length;
- Grafton Street (V6), from its junction with Redmoor Roundabout to its junction with Granby Roundabout;
- Saxon Street (V7), from its junction with Coffee Hall Roundabout to its junction with Ashland Roundabout;
- Saxon Street (V7), from its junction with Ashland Roundabout to its junction with Denbigh Roundabout;
- Marlborough Street (V8), from its junction with Simpson Roundabout to its junction with Mount Farm Roundabout.

The alternative route whilst Bond Avenue, Mount Farm is closed will be via Marlborough Street (V8), Groveway (H9), Brickhill Street (V10), Bletcham Way (H10) and Bond Avenue.

The alternative route whilst that part of Grafton Street (V6) is closed will be via Watling Street (V4), Standing Way (H8) and Grafton Street (V6).

The alternative routes whilst those parts of Saxon Street (V7) are closed will be via Bletcham Way (H10), Watling Street (V4) and Standing Way (H8).

It is anticipated that the next event will be held on Saturday 25th April 2015.

The Order will come into operation on Saturday 25th April 2015 and remain in effect for a period of 12 months. The restrictions will only be in force during events at the Stadium MK and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Any person committing a breach of any movement restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

You can view the road closures and diversion routes at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN LAVENDON, OLNEY, RAVENSTONE, LITTLE LINFORD, HAVERSHAM, HANSLOPE, OLD WOLVERTON AND WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along parts of roads within Lavendon, Olney, Ravenstone, Little Linford, Haversham, Hanslope, Old Wolverton and Wolverton whilst carriageway resurfacing works are being carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary road closures will be in force between 5th May 2015 and 30th June 2015, however the closures will take effect on specific roads at specific times during these dates, **only** when carriageway resurfacing is required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any road closure. The affected roads are as follows:-

1 **B565, Lavendon** – From its junction with A428 to its junction with Olney Road, Lavendon;
2 **Olney Road, Lavendon** – From its junction with Jacks Close, Lavendon to its junction with B565 Lavendon Road;
3 **A428 Northampton Road, Lavendon** – From its junction with New Row, Lavendon to its junction with A509;
4 **Hoppers Hill, Olney** – It's entire length;
5 **B5388 Yardley Road, Olney** – From its junction with Aspreys, Olney to its junction with High Street, Olney;
6 **Aspreys Roundabout Olney** – The entire circumference of the roundabout and for a distance of 50 metres along all exit roads;
7 **Weston Road, Ravenstone** – From its junction with High Street, Weston Underwood for a distance of 500 metres in a northerly direction;
8 **Castlethorpe Road, Hanslope** – From its junction with Cuckoo Hill Close for a distance of 600 metres in a southerly direction;
9 **High Street, Haversham** – From a point 100 metres north of its junction with Little Linford Lane for a distance of 800 metres in a south-westerly direction;
10 **High Street, Haversham** – From its junction with Wolverton Road for a distance of 800 metres in a westerly direction;
11 **Old Wolverton Road, Old Wolverton** – From a point 50 metres east of its junction with Colts Holm Road (west) for a distance of 1,100 metres to a point 50 metres east of its junction with Colts Holm Road (east);
12 **Stratford Road, Wolverton** – From its junction with Great Monk Street (V5) for a distance of 700 metres in a westerly direction

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order, other than for any necessary access for residents as far as is practicably possible, and for emergency services and military vehicles being driven on operational duties. The applicant will notify residents of properties affected by each closure at least one week before its commencement.

Each temporary road closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 5th May 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The road closures and diversion routes can be viewed on www.roadworks.org.

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Orders Open For Volkswagen's New Golf Estates

UK order books have opened for Volkswagen's trio of hot Golf Estates – the Golf R and GTD Estates and the Golf Alltrack – ahead of first deliveries in August. The R and GTD Estates boast all the attributes of their popular hatchback counterparts, with like for like trims, but bootspace is increased from 380 litres to 605 litres – and up to 1,620 litres when the rear seats are folded flat. Power outputs range from 110 PS in Alltrack which is available with three engines, through 184 PS in the GTD to 300 PS in the range-topping R model. The Alltrack and the R Estate also gain 4MOTION four-wheel drive.

Like the Golf R hatch, the Golf R Estate is powered by a 2.0-litre (1,984 cc) four-cylinder turbocharged TSI petrol engine. Maximum power is 300 PS from 5,500 to 6,200 rpm while maximum torque of 380 Nm (280 lbs ft) is available from 1,800 up to 5,500 rpm. In this new car, standstill to 50 mph takes just 3.8 seconds, and to 62 mph 5.1 seconds; top speed is electronically limited to 155 mph. Style and spec-wise, the Golf R Estate follows all the cues of its hatchback sibling, though the Estate is only available with a six-speed DSG gearbox.

The Golf GTD Estate is, quite simply, a booted version of Volkswagen's iconic long-distance sports cruiser. The new estate model has at its heart a 2.0-litre (1,968 cc) common rail TDI engine which produces 184 PS from 3,500 to 4,000 rpm. Maximum torque is 280 Nm (380 lbs ft) from 2,500 to 5,000 rpm. The benchmark 0 to 62 mph sprint takes 7.9 seconds, with a top speed of 143 mph. Yet the Golf GTD Estate lives up to its benchmark economy, returning 64.2 mpg on the combined cycle, with CO_2 emissions of just 115 g/km. A six-speed manual gearbox is standard, while a six-speed DSG version is available for a premium of £1,415.

The Golf Alltrack follows in the footsteps of the Passat Alltrack which first went on sale in the UK in 2012 and closes the gap between the on- and off-road worlds, both visually and technically. It features a standard 4MOTION all-wheel drive system, off-road driving profile, higher ground clearance (up to 20 mm), and is styled to match its off-road credentials with flared wheelarches and side sills for added protection, as well as newly designed bumpers. Three engines are available for UK customers and all are familiar from the Golf range. These comprise a 1.6-litre TDI 110 PS (iteration of engine used in Golf BlueMotion), 2.0-litre TDI 150 PS and 2.0-litre TDI 184 PS (available with DSG gearbox only).

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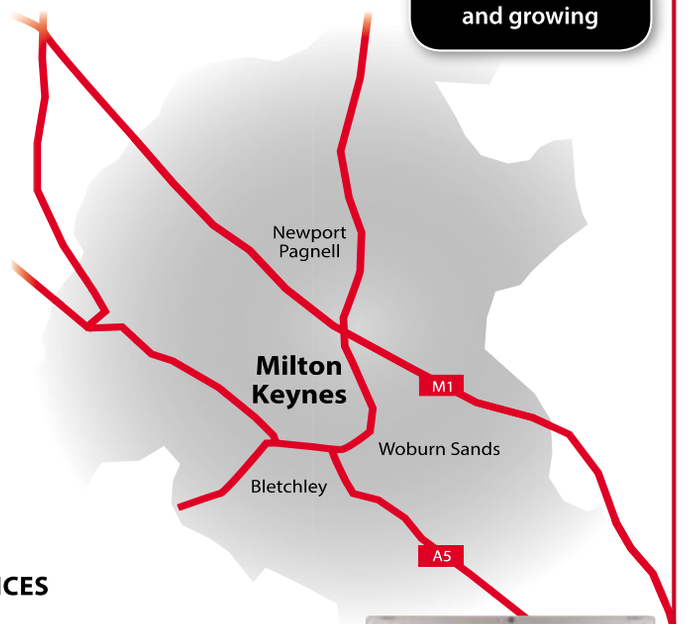

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NEW CAR REVIEW

Toyota Yaris GENERATION Y

The Toyota Yaris has been Europeanised with sharper styling, a better quality interior, retuned suspension, better refinement and tweaks to improve efficiency across the board. What was already a class act has just become genuinely hard to overlook.

With most facelifts, the driving dynamics are left well alone. Not here. Customers had commented that the interior refinement of the Yaris wasn't among the better superminis, so Toyota has acted decisively, stiffening the body, fitting a revised torsion beam rear suspension, improving steering response, changing the springs and dampers for better body control, adding better soundproofing material, fettling the diesel engine and altering the aerodynamics to reduce wind noise.

Four engines are available. The quieter 1.4-litre diesel, a hybrid that now features better fuel economy, and two petrol engines. The 1.33 petrol engine's exhaust system is now better insulated and the three-cylinder 1.0-litre powerplant has had a lot of budget thrown at it. Performance is better and noise and vibration have been cut. Significant reduction in frictional losses has also brought this engine's emissions down below 100g/km.

The Yaris takes its styling influence from the second generation Aygo citycar, with the X-shaped frontal graphic giving it a far sharper look. It's now a more assertive-looking design and Europeans like that. The headlights get projector technology for high and low beams and the clusters incorporate LED daytime running lights. In profile, this improved Yaris displays a revised door belt moulding, door mirrors with an optional folding function and updated 15 and 16-inch alloy wheel designs. A rear bumper and diffuser assembly give the back end a more self-confident look, garnished with a neat set of LED light clusters.

The interior has also come in for a restyle, with a narrower upper instrument panel, a sleeker door panel and a centre console that's been raised by 23mm so that the length of the gear lever can be reduced by 30mm, improving the ergonomics of gear changes. A closed storage area has also been added to the console. Adopting the latest Toyota Touch 2 multimedia systems has brought an increase in the size of the central touchscreen from 6.1 to seven inches. Better materials with more consistent grains and softer padding also feature. The boot remains the same size at 272-litres. Toyota's impressive EasyFlat rear seats split 60:40, fold and slide bringing a useful degree of versatility and up to 477-litres of space.

The Toyota Yaris was one of those cars that grew on you. It didn't have the force of personality to impress you with sheer showroom wow factor. The latest model ups its game quite markedly in that regard. Don't for one moment think that Toyota has given into superficiality, favouring style over substance. This is far more than just a cosmetic makeover, with a retuned chassis, improved refinement, better handling and ride and superior efficiency measures across the board.

Is that enough to propel it into the top bracket of superminis? In truth, it was already there, but went largely unrecognised by the popular press. These latest changes probably won't impress those who pore over 0-62mph times or wax lyrical about handling adjustability. But what the Yaris lacks at the ragged edge on a Welsh mountain road, it more than makes up for in everyday use. Put down the car magazines, ask yourself what you really need a supermini for and then see if the Yaris doesn't tick every single box.

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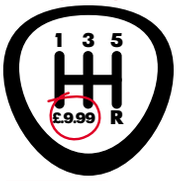

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FORMULA ONE

Points for Daniel and Daniil

BOTH of Red Bull's drivers finished in the points positions as Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton claimed another win in Bahrain.

Australian driver Daniel Ricciardo finished ahead of his Russian teammate in sixth, with Daniil Kvyat ninth on what was a windy night in the desert at the Bahrain International Circuit.

The finishes mean Ricciardo lies seventh in the overall standings with 19 points, while Kvyat is 15th with four points.

Over the course of the race Kvyat gained eight places on his grid start moving up from 17th, while Ricciardo had to limp over the line after an engine explosion on the final lap.

"The weekend went pretty smooth for me until the end of the race," Ricciardo told the team's website.

"I don't know what happened, but the team will have a look at it."

Kvyat believes the good times are coming for Red Bull after both drivers registered finishes in the points.

"I enjoyed the race, it put a smile on my face," he said.

"We had a good recovery to finish in the points. I can feel good vibes are coming."

Team principal Christian Horner said: "It's good to have both cars finish in the points."

Good points: Daniel Ricciardo and Daniil Kvyat finished sixth and ninth at the Bahrain International Circuit

Former Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel wrecked his chances of a podium finish after pushing his car too hard against Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg, who ended up third.

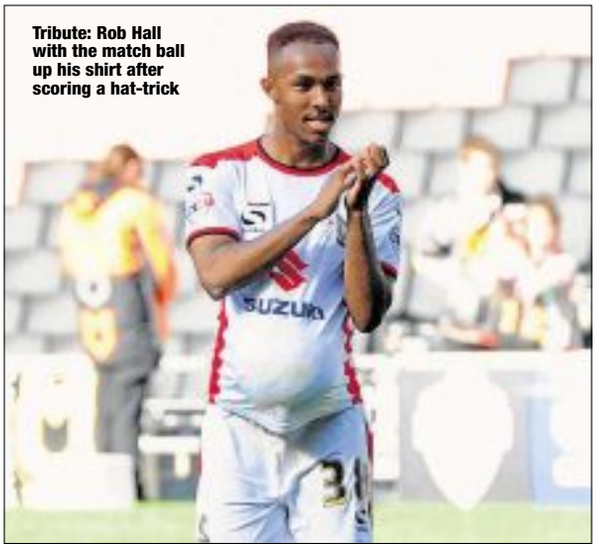
Vettel went off the track and damaged his car, enabling Ferrari teammate Kimi Raikkonen to split the Mercedes drivers and finish second.

Hamilton led the race from the beginning and controlled throughout, even managing to overcome some braking issues on the last lap.

The victory is his third out of the opening four races and he looks set to dominate the sport this season.

The next race on the Formula One calendar is the Spanish Grand Prix on May 8.

DONS



Tribute: Rob Hall with the match ball up his shirt after scoring a hat-trick

Hat-trick dedicated to former teammate

DONS midfielder Rob Hall dedicated his hat-trick to friend and former West Ham United teammate Dylan Tombides, who died exactly one year before Dons' outstanding 6-1 victory over Leyton Orient on Saturday.

Hall played for West Ham from 2010 to 2013 alongside Tombides, who tragically died of testicular cancer on April 18, 2014.

He wore number 38 for the Hammers, a number which was retired after Tombides died, and Hall now wears number 38 at the Dons.

He was outstanding for Dons against Leyton Orient and Hall was more than happy to dedicate his goals to his former teammate.

"It was nice to get a hat-trick today," said the 21-year-old.

"My friend Dylan Tombides passed away a year ago today who used to play for West Ham.

"It was an emotional day for that side of it and that was for him."

Dons have been in a great vein of form of late as they try to haul back Preston North End in second and Hall believes the Lilywhites will be feeling the pressure.

"They will feel the pressure with us behind them but we will keep applying that pressure and we can only do that by winning games.

"Everyone in the league will want to stop us and hopefully we're going the right way about it."

CRICKET

WICKETKEEPER Adeel Shafique is determined to earn a county contract after turning in some solid performances on tour in the United Arab Emirates with MCC Young Cricketers.

The 20-year-old, who lives in Milton Keynes with his grandparents, is part of a 15-man MCC Young Cricketers squad, helping players transition into professional cricket.

The Young Cricketers took on Middlesex in two T20 matches, a three-day and one-day match with the MCCU Combined XI, and finished with a 50-over game against Sussex in the Zayed Stadium.

They didn't disappoint after bouncing back from defeat to Middlesex with victories over the MCCU Combined XI and a two-run triumph over Sussex.

And Shafique is hoping he can keep the momentum going into the new season as he looks to make it at the top level.

"Abu Dhabi was great, we won three games. I was lucky enough to go last year as well so that was really good," said Shafique.

"It was great playing against the likes of Sussex and Middlesex and we have a great set of lads so it was brilliant.

Shafique will now turn his attentions to the season where the Young Cricketers play against professional counties in the second XI Championship and Trophy.

Marylebone Cricket Club's famous Young Cricketers programme provides expert coaching, intensive playing schedules and world-class facilities to young men and women with the potential to progress to professional cricket.

Notable 'graduates' include Sir Ian Botham, New Zealand's Ross Taylor and England Women's Heather Knight.

Adeel Shafique

SPORTSSHORTS

RUGBY LEAGUE

MK WOLVES RLFC are gearing up for the new season as they try to defend their East Rugby League 9s title in Southend on May 2. The first game of the new East RL Premier Division season is on May 9 against Kings Lynn Black Knights at Manor Fields, Bletchley, and the team is looking for new recruits.

Wolves have also brought back their very popular Touch Rugby League sessions – offering male and female players of all ages, fitness and skill levels the chance to play non-contact rugby. These informal sessions take place on Tuesdays from 7-9pm at Manor Fields.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club finished third in their first Midland Premier League Track and Field League U20/17 event at Stantonbury Stadium. Ryan Walker won the U20 100m while Maya Jennings won the U20 400m and Jonathan Pownell was victorious in the javelin.

In the U17 men's events there was an impressive 3,000m double from Conrad Webber (9.23.25) and Ewan Forsythe (9.56.49) while Ebony Carr won the U17 100m but the strong head wind certainly slowed her down with a winning time of 12.72.

At the Manchester Marathon, Chris Nicholson finished 331st out of almost 8,000 while at the Flitwick 10km, Martin Brent placed 94th (43.14).

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town lost 2-0 to league leaders AFC Rushden & Diamonds in the United Counties League Premier Division, while in Division One Olney Town drew 4-4 with St Neots Town and Youth Saints last Tuesday.

Stony Stratford Town drew 1-1 with FC Broxbourne Borough in Division One of the Spartan South Midlands League, while in Division Two Old Bradwell United beat Willen 2-1 midweek before drawing 2-2 with Kent Athletic. Willen drew 2-2 with Clean Slate on Saturday while New Bradwell St Peter drew 3-3 with Hale Leys United. Wolverton Town lost 4-1 to Totternhoe.

In the Milton Keynes Sunday Football League Knock-out Cup semi-final, Wolverton Town beat Stony Stratford Town 4-2. In the Premier Division Punjab United beat Olney Town 3-0. The Alf Carter Cup Final takes place on Sunday at 10.30am at Scot Sport and Social Club in Selbourne Avenue, Bletchley.

CRICKET

STONY Stratford Town CC will be hoping to get their Northants Premier League season off to a good start with their first game of the season at Rushden Town. The Four Counties Cricket League also begins this weekend.

BADMINTON

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MK are currently two points off the playoffs.

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Pressure maintained

Charge for promotion continues with Doncaster Rovers victory

BY SCOTT KIRK
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IT WAS a good week for Dons as they scored nine goals at stadiummk in two games to keep up with second-placed Preston North End.

Dons thumped Leyton Orient 6-1 on Saturday thanks to a Rob Hall hat-trick and goals from Dean Bowditch and Dele Alli, plus a Will Grigg penalty.

That was backed up with three second-half goals at home to Doncaster Rovers last night thanks to substitutes Bowditch and a brace by Carl Baker.

With the score at 0-0 at half-time, Dons went up a gear in the second-half to go nine games unbeaten with a very good performance after the break.

That accomplished six point return bettered Preston's four points from the week after they drew 2-2 with Port Vale on Friday, before beating Notts County 3-1 last night.

Just two games remain of this season, starting with a trip to Rochdale on Saturday. Dons entertain Yeovil Town a week on Sunday, with kick off at 12.15pm.

Clockwise from top: Dons players are delighted to hit the back of the net, Dean Bowditch celebrates opening the scoring and Carl Baker blasts home goal number two during the 3-0 victory over Doncaster

Read the full match report online at: www.mkweb.co.uk/sport

FOOTBALL

Player of the Year for Alli

DELE Alli claimed the Football League Young Player of the Year award in a glitzy ceremony at The Brewery in London.

The 19-year-old, *pictured below*, beat former Dons loanee Patrick Bamford and Norwich City's Nathan Redmond to the award but missed out on League One Player of the Year to Preston North End's Joe Garner.

On winning, Alli told presenter Simon Thomas: "I set myself goals at the start of the season and this has exceeded them.

"I can't thank Karl Robinson [Dons manager] enough. When you are young, you need a manager to show faith in you."

Robinson said he was nervous about the awards before they were announced on Sunday evening but he was impressed with the way Alli and former protege Bamford conducted themselves on the evening.

"Before the awards on Sunday the palms of my hands were sweaty because I was so nervous when his award came around!

"I was just as nervous when Patrick Bamford's award came around as well.

"How those two young boys conducted themselves on that stage was quite remarkable.

"To be 19 years of age and to hold an audience of over 600 or 700 people who are your peers and for them to conduct themselves in the way that they did was impeccable."

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